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# 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Subject to Change**

Tuesday, April 28, 2026		
12:30-1:30	Registration & Informal Networking	
1:30-2:30	Welcome & Keynote Address: "From Presence to Power: Cultivating the Advocate Within" Dr. Heather Kennedy, MPH, PhD	
2:30-3:30	Youth & Community Engagement Workshop: Using "Infomercials" to Teach Communication Skills with Heart and Humor Dr. Heather Kennedy, MPH, PhD	
AFTERNOON SNACK		
3:45-4:45	Communication Strategies for Educators and Health Professionals for Youth Suicidality: Supporting Kids, Families, and Each Other  Dr. Cassidy McNitt and Dr. Austin Butterfield	School-Based Health Centers as Alternatives to Discipline  YHA and Combating Youth Vaping Grantees



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<b>Wednesday, April 29, 2026</b>		
<b>8:15-8:45</b>	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>	
<b>8:45-9:00</b>	<b>Welcome Message</b>	
<b>9:10-10:10</b>	<b>From Survey to Strategy: Transforming Youth Vaping Data into School-Based Interventions</b>  Dr. Kristie Ladegard, Becky Bloedow, and Dr. Tyrone Braxton	<b>The Harder Side of Helping</b>  Daniel Champer
<b>MORNING SNACK</b>		
<b>10:30-12:00</b>	<b>⚡ Lightning Learning ⚡</b> <b>90 minutes, 6 topics, GO!</b>	
<b>12:00-1:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> <b>Informal Networking</b>	

<p><b>1:30-2:30</b></p>	<p><b>Advancing Suicide Care in Colorado: Safer, Stronger Systems to Support Youth</b></p> <p>Conlin Bass and Hannah Fageeh</p>	<p><b>Applying Youth Voice to SBHC Care</b></p> <p>TBD</p>
<p><b>AFTERNOON SNACK</b></p>		
<p><b>2:45-3:45</b></p>	<p><b>Community of Connection</b> Structured Networking by Region</p>	
<p><b>4:00-5:00</b></p>	<p><b>Celebration and Closing</b> <i>Inspiration Awards &amp; Fundraiser Updates</i> <i>Closing remarks from Aubrey Hill</i></p>	